

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

# Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

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## *Announcing the Mount Sinai Jetty Project*



Boater safety is a top priority in Council District 2, so it is my pleasure to announce that the Mount Sinai Jetty repairs are moving forward. For many years, I led the charge to enlist the Army Corps of Engineers and to secure funding for the project. Now, the Town of Brookhaven will rebuild the two protective jetties located at the mouth of Mount Sinai Harbor funded by a \$5.1 million contribution from Brookhaven Town and a \$3.1 million New York State grant secured by State Senator Ken LaValle. These jetties are critical to maintain public safety on the north shore for thousands of residents who use Mount Sinai Harbor for recreation and commerce. Over the years, the jetty rocks have collapsed to the extent that the seaward ends are submerged and the elevation of the jetty stones is less than four feet during high tide. In addition, the west jetty becomes detached from the land at high tide and sand may be passing through or around the east jetty, hindering navigation. Located between the two jetties is a channel that provides safe access to the Long Island Sound from the deeper waters of the harbor.

## Little Free Library in Rocky Point



On July 25th, Jane was at the Rocky Point Funeral Home to unveil the newly installed Little Free Library, a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange. Thank you to Jeff Davis, owner of the Rocky Point Funeral Home and the Rocky Point Sound Beach Women’s Book Club for their efforts in installing the Little Free Library.

## Coram Park Improvements

It is my great pleasure to announce that the Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram will see improvements made to the field and playground. New turf has been installed on the field. The Parks Department will replace the playground surface material as well.



## Improving Our Community

### Terrapin Preserve in Mount Sinai

The Town of Brookhaven, Seatuck Environmental Association, Girl Scout Troop 880 and Boy Scout Troop 204 partnered to create a Terrapin preserve at Mount Sinai Harbor. The intent of the work is to protect egg laying female terrapins from vehicular traffic on Harbor Beach Road; a number of females have been killed over the past decade as well as the hatchlings when they traverse the road to nest and gain the shelter of the harbor’s shoreline. The terrapins are prevented from entering the roadway due to the installation of 550 feet of 6 inch drainage tubing, see photo below.



### Coram Swap and Shop Demolition



On April 22nd, Councilwoman Bonner, Councilman Loguercio and members of the Coram Civic Association were on-hand when the Town demolished the vacant and abandoned Swap and Shop on Middle Country Road in Coram. The derelict building had remained vacant for over 20 years and was the source of resident complaints leading to numerous Town of Brookhaven building code violations. It was demolished in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid the Town of unsafe structures.

# Shop Where You Live

FALL 2019 TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT 2 TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



Jane joined Supervisor Romaine on February 16th to celebrate the Grand Opening for the new **“Only the Best Salon”** located at Solista Salon Suites in Mount Sinai.



On March 9th, Jane Bonner celebrated the ribbon cutting at the new **AT&T Wireless** store in Miller Place with the Rocky Point Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce.



On May 4th, Jane joined the Mount Sinai Miller Place Chamber Alliance to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting at the new **Redefine Fitness** in Mount Sinai.



On May 21st, Jane joined the Rocky Point Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the grand opening of the new **Maui Chop House** in Rocky Point.



Jane celebrated the grand opening of **Tiger Lily's Dog Grooming** in Miller Place on June 4th along with Senator LaValle, Legislator Anker and Councilman Loguercio.



On August 1st, Jane joined the Mount Sinai Miller Place Chamber Alliance to celebrate the grand opening of the new **Verizon** store on Route 25A in Miller Place.

## Community Events



On July 4th, Jane joined Father Frank of Hope House Ministries and Bill Reitzig for the annual **WAR on Addiction Rally** at the Brookhaven Amphitheater.



Jane attended the 5th Annual **Jake Engel Hoops for Hope Basketball Tournament** at Cedar Beach. The event raised money for Hope House Ministries and a scholarship in Jake's memory. The Town of Brookhaven also dedicated the basketball court as the Jake Engel Memorial Basketball Court.



On August 2nd & 3rd the Town of Brookhaven co-sponsored the **Beach Bucket Brigade Beach Clean-up** at Cedar Beach. The clean-up was organized by twin sisters Cayla and Iris. Over the two day event more than 8,000 pieces of litter were collected by 120 volunteers.



On August 6th, the Town of Brookhaven co-sponsored the Suffolk County Sheriff's **“National Night Out”** event at Fireman's Park in Ridge. This free, annual event promotes police-community relationships and neighborhood camaraderie.

# Jane's Thoughts

As the days get a little shorter and the nights a little cooler, I'd like to wish you a happy and healthy transition to the fall season. It's been a remarkable and busy year in Council District 2, and I've included many of the highlights in this newsletter. I especially want to talk to you about the Town's new and improved Statement of Taxes Receipts, which you may have already received by mail. When you look at the receipt, you'll immediately notice that it is now two pages instead of one. This allows the Town to include information about STAR exemptions that will be required in the future by the New York State tax authorities. The new format also improves government transparency and clarity, so you can see exactly where your tax dollars are allocated each year, including Town, County, School, Fire District and more. To view your tax bill online, visit [www.BrookhavenNY.gov/Online-Services/Receiver-of-Taxes/Tax-Portal](http://www.BrookhavenNY.gov/Online-Services/Receiver-of-Taxes/Tax-Portal). Finally, I wish all the children and teachers of Brookhaven Town a fun and successful start of the new school year!



## Save The Date: Recycle Event



E-Waste  
Paper Shredding  
Drug Take Back

**October 5**  
9 am to 1 pm

**Rose Caracappa  
Senior Center**

**739 Route 25A  
Mt. Sinai**

Please contact the Council Office at  
631-451-6964 for more information

### Know Where Your Taxes Go

#### Town Outside Villages

County-  
12.21%

School-  
71.98%



Special  
Districts-  
10.04%

**Town-  
5.78%**

#### Villages Only



All other  
Taxes-  
96.01%

**Town-  
3.99%**

## 10th Annual Town of Brookhaven Polar Plunge



**Saturday, November 23**

Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai

Registration Begins at 9 AM

Plunge begins at 12 PM

For more information or to register visit [nyso.org](http://nyso.org)

I am honored to participate again in the 10th Annual Town of Brookhaven Polar Plunge in conjunction with New York State Special Olympics. The funds generated by the Town of Brookhaven Polar Plunge directly support the 66,835 athletes of Special Olympics New York who train and compete year round in 22 Olympic-style sports throughout Long Island and the entire state. Athletes, their families, and caregivers are never charged to participate. The 2018 Polar Plunge raised \$140,000 with 790 registered plungers. Please consider "freezin' for a reason" by joining this year's plunge!



Jane and the "Frozen Eagles" Plunge team, Frankie Anzaldi and Quentin Palifka after taking the plunge at the 2018 Polar Plunge

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